Daily Devotion #67

Have the Mind of Christ

***1 Corinthians 2:16 (NASB)*** *16  “For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But we have the mind of Christ.”*

Today would have been my mother’s eight-fifth birthday and is our daughter’s thirtieth birthday. Birthdays are very significant events that have a way of making our minds reflect on the many things throughout the years that have come and gone. Sometimes those are painful memories and sometimes joyful. For me this day represents a lot of joyful times.

The first reason for this being a joyful day is because if it were not for my mother, I would not be here, and I enjoy the life the Lord has given me. I miss her and wish I could talk to her, but I’m thankful that I will see her again. The second reason is, of course, because of the joy of our daughter being in our lives. She has brought us much joy over the years and many wonderful memories.

People are often extremely frustrating and can cause lots of pain. In fact, there are many people who live very isolated lives because of people in general. Their memories are filled with bad experiences and troublesome times. So they choose to live as far apart from people as they can or have as little contact with people as they can.

Even as people have been a great blessing in my life, and I hope will continue to be, there is a greater blessing - to have the mind of Christ.

What does the Apostle mean when he says we have the mind of Christ? Simply he means that through the power of the Holy Spirit and the power of the Word of God, we can know the thoughts of our Lord, because He opened our minds to understand. Luke gives us that understanding when speaking of the disciples. ***Luke 24:45 (NASB)*** *45  “Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.”*

That doesn’t mean as disciples we understand all the thoughts of God or can know the mind of God fully. But what He has done is revealed to us the way we are to think in this life. And if we know how to think properly, we can act properly in this world.

Our minds are constantly bombarded with evil thoughts which can lead to evil actions. And often our thoughts are so consumed by the lusts of our flesh to the point that we give in and follow the temptations, which lead us to troublesome days and troublesome relationships, etc.

But it was God’s purpose to not only rescue our souls but to rescue our minds as well. And by rescuing our minds, He has given us the ability to know the difference between right and wrong. He has given us the ability to know when we are living and acting according to how He wants us to act and live. And when we make mistakes, He has given us the ability to forgive, just as He has forgiven us.

This is a gift from God. A precious gift. Not one that should make us arrogant but one that should humble us. The God of the universe gave to us the ability to know His mind in matters of this world. Amazing!

Where is your mind beloved? I mean, where do your thoughts take you? Are you consumed by the world’s problems and overwhelmed by what is going on in your life? If so, can I encourage you to ask God to help you let go of those things and focus on what He has given you? We don’t need to worry about what is going on here but focus our mental capacity to be like our Lord and Savior. His mind was always free from the perils of this life, giving Him the ability to follow His Father’s leading all the way to the Cross. Your mind can be free as well – by focusing on having the mind of Christ!